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PARTICIPANTS: Wilhelm Grewe, Ambassador of Germany
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Mr. Kohler telephoned the German Ambassador and began the conversation by saying he was very agitated, that all the main newspapers have, from what they say was a briefing in Bonn, all the main points from the documents we have been discussing with the Ambassador. They will be in the German papers and in the American papers tomorrow morning.

Mr. Kohler said he was instructed to tell the Ambassador that we are distressed at the top levels and that this seriously raises the question of whether purposeful consultation is possible.

The Ambassador asked where Mr. Kohler got this story. Mr. Kohler replied that all the newspapers have the story; it is on the tickers, and it is said that there was a briefing. The main points are all reported with accuracy -- they are all there and this was clearly not an accident.

The Ambassador said that he had transmitted Mr. Kohler's warning about secrecy in the most serious way at the top of his report and that he couldn't understand how such a thing could be.

Mr. Kohler repeated that he was told to pass on the high concern

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and the almost hopeless feeling about whether we can do any real consultation.

The Ambassador said he would pass this on to Bonn.

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